

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and the following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action issued on June 28, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, and are being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for a response by the Office Action.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-14, 16, 17, and 19-23 are pending in the present application. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 3, independent claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 15, and dependent claim 22 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of independent claim 1 prior to being amended. Accordingly, claims 3 and 15 have been canceled. In addition, claims 2, 6, 7, and 18 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

The Examiner has noted that dependent claims 3, 15, and 22 among others are allowable but for their independent form. Accordingly, and again, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 3, independent claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent claim 15, and dependent claim 22 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of independent claim 1 prior to being amended. Accordingly, all of claims 1, 4, 5, 8-14, 16, 17, and 19-23 should now be allowable.

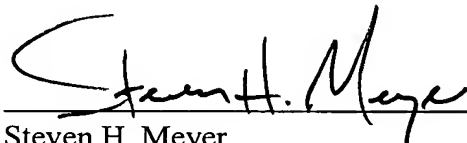
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In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 1, 4, 5, 8-14, 16, 17, and 19-23, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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